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REMARKS	<p>Information obtained from reliable sources, including interviews with KVP personnel, reports from the German Democratic Republic's Ministry of State Security (MfS), and newspaper clippings. The information is believed to be accurate and reliable.</p> <p>This is UNEVALUATED Information</p>		

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1. Between mid-June and early July 1955, the Panzerjaeger-Kaserne at Spremberg was occupied to capacity by KVP soldiers who wore blue service color. Almost daily, details of up to 180 men were seen being drilled in the billeting area and receiving field training in the vicinity of the post. On 1 July, 400 KVP soldiers were marched through the town with a band.¹
2. On 24 June, one flatcar loaded with a tank escorted by KVP personnel was dispatched from Weisswasser to Leobau.²
3. In early July, it was learned that Division Dresden was scheduled to discharge a total of about 1,500 men in the fall of 1955.
4. Between 26 June and 3 July, there was no change in the status of the KVP unit stationed at the "Technische Werke" in Gera. Soldiers seen there wore red collar patches. Drill was continuously given in the billeting area. Details of up to 200 men underwent field training in the vicinity of the post.
5. Most of the guns seen in the yard of the installation in early May and most of the 80 new trucks seen there were distributed among various KVP units. The guns allegedly were 57-mm AT guns.³
6. On 3 July, fewer KVP personnel than previously were quartered at the Artillerie Kaserne at Weissenfels. Elements of the units stationed there had allegedly left for exercises in the Hohenmoelsen area southeast of Weissenfels. On 11 July, the installation seemed to be occupied to capacity again. Soldiers seen there wore red and black collar patches.
7. In early July, commanding officer of the Dresden Mechanized Division was Colonel Charisius, and deputy commanding officer in charge of supplies was Major Gierke. Major Petsche headed KVP agency Spremberg III.
8. In early July, Major Giersch was chief of the KVP Billeting Department in Dresden. ⁴

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9. On 4 July, it was learned that the training ground located in the Annaburg - Herzberg - Torgau area was scheduled to be enlarged to cover an area of 10,000 hectares.

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1. Comment. The "Day of the KVP" was celebrated on 1 July.

2. Comment. Among other units, the 3rd Mecc Regt of Division Dresden is located in Loebau.

3. Comment. There is a possibility that the guns previously observed in Gera were distributed, together with the vehicles required, among the Motorized Rifle Divisions Erfurt and Halle in connection with the replacement of 45-mm AT guns by 57-mm AT guns.

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